

son, of the Machine Gun Company, Second Lieutenants Padgett and Mercer were attached and later transferred.

The Eighty-first Division left Camp Jackson for Camp Sevier, South Carolina, May 15, 1918, and immediately preparations were made for receiving new men. At this time the strength of the Company was forty-six men, consisting of a few N. C. O's and first class privates, which remained the same till on June 15 eighty-eight men were assigned from the Provisional Depot Brigade, Camp Sevier, South Carolina. June 22-25 fourteen more, and on June 29, 113 were assigned from the Depot Brigade, Camp Jackson, South Carolina.

On May 25 orders were received that the Division would sail for France soon. Hence all the officers and twenty per cent of the men were given an opportunity of an eight-day leave of absence to visit home before sailing for France. From this date on there was severe and intensive training. On July 11 the Company received four new men and on the 16th eighteen were transferred to other departments.

July 15, 1918, orders were received that the Division would go to Camp Mills, Long Island, New York, to prepare for embarkation. On the morning of July 22, 1918, at 10 o'clock, the Third Battalion entrained at Paris, South Carolina, and arrived at Camp Mills July 24, at 2 p. m. This journey of three soldiers and their packs to the seat was made a little more comfortable by an occasional stop off for a few minutes walk, and by the Red Cross serving coffee, chocolate, cigarettes and apples along the way. Here the Division remained for twelve days preparing for overseas service. During this time thirty-one men were added to the Company